

Preliminary Assessment Report

Project 3025697, 6020 RAINIER AVE S

Assessment Completed: 9/12/2016

Project Description: Land Use Application to allow a 3-story 42,360 sq. ft. school (Green Dot Seattle Middle School). Surface parking for 32 vehicles to be provided. Existing church, office building and two single family residences to be demolished.

Primary Applicant: [Erik Salisbury](#)

This report lists the results of a preliminary assessment of your project requirements by various city departments. It's based on the project characteristics described on your site plan and preliminary application form. If your project required a pre-application site visit (PASV), the results of that site visit are also included. The goal of this report is to help you create a complete submittal package and reduce the need for corrections once your application has been submitted.

Next Steps

1. Review the requirements in this report and contact the staff members listed below with questions.
2. If a street improvement plan is required, develop and submit it to the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT). **The Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) will not accept your permit application until your street improvement plan is approved as 60% complete by SDOT. See [SDOT Client Assistance Memo 2213](#) for guidance about the 60% complete approval process.**
3. Schedule an appointment for permit application intake with SDCI. **Please bring a copy of this report to your intake appointment.**

Questions About This Report

If you have questions about the information in this report, contact the appropriate city staff member for each section.

SDCI Drainage Requirements

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Other Resources

- General questions about the permit process: Contact the SDCI Applicant Services Center (ASC) at 206-684-8850.
- User-friendly guides to city permitting processes: [SDCI](#) and [SDOT](#).
- [Detailed zoning information](#).
- Visit our [permit type pages](#) for step-by-step instructions and forms for preparing your application and plans for review.

Requirements

SDCI Drainage Requirements

The following requirements are based on the current stormwater and side sewer codes.

****The new 2016 Stormwater Code becomes effective on January 1, 2016. Projects with an accepted application (successful SDCI permit intake) date after December 31, 2015 will be reviewed under the new code. The drainage requirements indicated below are based on the 2016 Stormwater Code. If your project will be submitted prior to January 1, 2016, please contact the SDCI Drainage Reviewer to determine drainage requirements.****

Existing Public Drainage Infrastructure

Sanitary sewer main location: **Rainier Ave S**

Sanitary sewer main size: **10"**

Storm drainage main location: **Rainier Ave S (only extends slightly into south frontage on far side of street - point of existing storm drain connection)**

Storm drainage main size: **12"**

Drainage

Infiltration Investigation Required: **Yes**

Projects that require On-site Stormwater Management, Flow Control, and/or Water Quality Treatment must first investigate infiltration feasibility before selecting other BMP's. See Seattle Stormwater Manual, Volume 3, Section 3.2 and Appendix D to determine infiltration feasibility. If feasible, infiltration testing per the requirements in Appendix D is required prior to application. Submit a completed Infiltration Checklist with the construction permit application. Checklists are available on the DPD Stormwater Code website.

<http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/codesrules/codes/stormwater/default.htm>

Please note: projects that infiltrate 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surface area must conduct Groundwater Monitoring for a full wet season or one full year if infiltrating 10,000 square feet or more of impervious surface area. See Table 3.1 in Section 3.2.

Project Type and Drainage Basin

The storm drainage point of discharge (SMC 22.805.020) is located at: **Public storm drain system**

Project Type: **Parcel-based**

Drainage Basin: **Designated receiving water**

Drainage Control Compliance

Drainage Review Required: **Yes**

Drainage Control Review is required for this project per SMC 22.807.020. Submit a completed **Standard Construction Stormwater Control and Post Construction Soil Management (CSC/SOIL) Plan** and a completed **Standard Drainage and Wastewater Control (DWC) Plan** including the **Site and Drainage Control Summary** from [On-site Stormwater Management Calculator](#).

Note: For projects with 5,000 square feet or more of new plus replaced hard surface, a comprehensive drainage control plan, construction stormwater control plan, soil amendment plan, and drainage report shall be prepared by a licensed engineer.

Soil Amendment Required: **Yes**

All new, replaced, and disturbed topsoil shall be amended with organic matter per rules promulgated by the Director prior to completion of the project to improve onsite management of drainage water flow and water quality per SMC 22.805.030.A, 22.805.040.A, or 22.805.050.A. Complete the **Post Construction Soil Management Plan** on the [Standard CSC/SOIL Plan](#).

On-site Stormwater Management Required: **Yes**

Parcel-based projects with 7,000 square feet or more of land disturbing activity, 1,500 square feet or more of new plus replaced hard surface or, if on a lot or parcel created or reduced in size on or after January 1, 2016, 750 square feet or more of new plus replaced hard surface, must implement **On-site Stormwater Management** (infiltration, dispersion, bioretention, green roofs, permeable pavement, rainwater harvesting, etc.) to manage runoff from all hard surfaces on-site per SMC 22.805.050.B. and Director's Rule 21-2015.

Submit an [On-site Stormwater Management Calculator](#) and show the On-site Stormwater Management BMP's and surface designation on the [Standard Drainage and Wastewater Control Plan](#).

Flow Control Required: **No***

Based on the information provided, adherence to Flow Control Standards is not required for this project.

*Note: if groundwater will be discharged to the public drainage system, Flow Control may be required. Projects which propose to permanently discharge groundwater shall comply with Minimum Requirements for Discharges to a Capacity-constrained System, SMC Section 22.805.050.A.6 and SMC Section 22.805.060.A.6.

Water Quality

This project site discharges to a water body that requires treatment (SMC.805.050.D).

Basic Water Quality Treatment Required: **Yes**

This project site discharges to a water body that requires basic treatment (SMC 22.805.050 D). Parcel-based projects with 5,000 square feet or more of new plus replaced pollution generating hard surfaces, or 3/4 acre or more of new plus replaced pollution generating pervious surfaces must provide **Basic Water Quality Treatment**. Based upon the information provided on the Preliminary Application Form pertaining to existing and proposed hard surfacing this project shall: provide a **Basic Treatment Facility** that treats the required runoff volume or flow rate from pollution generating surfaces (SMC 22.805.090 B1, B2).

Wastewater

The wastewater point of discharge (SMC 21.16.070.B) is located at **Public Sanitary Sewer**.

All homeowners and building owners in King County's service area whose home or building was newly connected to the King County sewer system on or after Feb. 1, 1990 must pay a [King County Capacity Charge](#).

Permanent and Temporary Dewatering

Per SMC 21.16.110, the proposed project requires a separate Side Sewer Permit for Temporary Dewatering based on the following: one acre or greater of land disturbing activity. Construction is one acre or greater of land disturbing activity ([Department of Ecology Stormwater Construction Permit](#)).

The footing drain (if part of building plan) point of discharge ([DPD DR 4-2011](#)) is located at the following: **Public storm drain system**.

Projects which propose to permanently discharge groundwater shall comply with Minimum Requirements for Discharges to a Capacity-constrained System, SMC Section 22.805.050.A.6 and SMC Section 22.805.060.A.6. See [DPD Director's Rule 13-2010](#) for more information.

Side Sewer

Other side sewer issues: Multiple existing shared side sewers cross this site. See "Other Requirements" below.

The existing side sewer for a new or converted building or dwelling unit may be reused pursuant to SMC 21.16.240.

If there is an increase of dwelling units or buildings the [Side Sewer Evaluation and Certification Form](#) must be completed by a licensed engineer.

For your information:

In serving establishments (i.e restaurants, cafes, lunch counters, cafeterias, bars and clubs, hotels, hospitals, sanitariums, factory or school kitchens, or other establishments where grease is introduced into the drainage or sewage system), there may be additional requirements to control the discharge of fats, oils, and grease (FOG) into the sanitary sewer system.

Please contact: Gary.Christiansen@seattle.gov in SPU's FOG Program to determine pretreatment requirements to protect the municipal sewer system from FOG generated by food preparation and handling.

Any internal plumbing modifications require a plumbing permit from King County Public Health 206-684-5198.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.seattle.gov/util/MyServices/DrainageSewer/FatsOilsGrease/index.htm>

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/ehs/foodsafety/FoodBusiness.aspx>

Include the following note on the Drainage Control Plan: "The Contractor shall conduct verification testing of the side sewer, service drain or both to verify that they are connected to the proper system by using dye test, smoke test or CCTV. Before verification, the Contractor shall inform DPD and arrange for the DPD inspector to be on-site during verification testing. If the verification testing method is a dye test, the contractor shall contact the SPU Operations Response Center (ORC) at 206/386-1800 and the Dept. of Ecology 425/649-7229."

Other Requirements

- Two separate existing shared side sewers cross this site. One side sewer serves both 5998 and 5996 Rainier Ave S and Side Sewer Card #5428-1 indicates Easement #5126321 (written as #51726321 in one instance) associated with this side sewer. The other existing shared side sewer serves 6020 Rainier Ave S and 5989 and 6016 46th Ave S (no easement indicated on side sewer cards). In order to relocate or modify the shared portion of any shared side sewer that has a written easement, a new Side Sewer Easement Agreement signed by all owners of property served by the side sewer will be required. If no written side sewer easement exists, written and signed permission or a New Side Sewer Easement signed by all owners of property served by the side sewer will be required in order to relocate or modify the shared portion of any shared side sewer.

SDCI Land Use Code Requirements

Street Requirements

Based on the scope of the proposed project, the following street improvements are required per Chapter 23.53 of the Seattle Municipal Code. Please review Right-of-Way Improvements Manual for design criteria (<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/rowmanual/manual/>). Show required street improvements on your "enhanced site plan" at SDCI permit application intake. If an SDOT Street Improvement Plan (SIP) is required, please list SDOT project number and SDOT contact name on the enhanced site plan. Street Improvement Plans must be accepted by SDOT prior to SDCI permit application intake.

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Based on the documents provided, no street improvements are required per SMC 23.53.015 and SMC 23.53.006

Street trees shall be provided in the planting strip according to Seattle Department of Transportation Tree Planting Standards. Contact SDOT Urban Forestry (for residential projects: (206) 684-TREE; for all others: (206) 684-5693), to determine species of tree and standards of planting. Please add a note to the site plan showing size, location and species of tree to be planted.

<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/treeplanting.htm>.

Existing curbcuts that will no longer be used are required to be removed, and the curbline reinstalled, per SDOT standards.

Land Use

Based on the project scope. SEPA may be required. See DPD Director's Rule 29-2015 for more details (<http://web1.seattle.gov/dpd/dirrrulesviewer/>).

Based on the proposed use and location within a residential, multi-family, or commercial zone, an administrative conditional use permit may be required. See CAMs 211A and 211B for more details.

Design Review is required; see CAM 238 for more details. Departures from development standards should be identified as early as possible in the application process.

This project will require a "Standard Transportation Study", which will need to be submitted at the intake appointment for the permit application. Please refer to Director's Rule 8-2012, which describes the required

content for the study and how to apply for an exemption to this requirement. Your permit application will not be accepted unless the study is provided, or unless a Transportation Study Exemption has been granted.

Notes to Applicant

Per SMC 23.53.025(E)(2), the easement accessing on-site parking shall be 32-feet wide and paved at least 24-feet wide. A lot boundary adjustment will be required to incorporate a portion of 5972 Rainier Ave S into this development proposal.

Other Requirements

A presubmittal conference is required before submitting an application. Details for preparing and submitting a presubmittal request form can be found at our Web site

([http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Publications/Forms/Building Permits/default.asp](http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Publications/Forms/Building_Permits/default.asp)).

Since your development proposal includes alteration or demo of a 50+ year old structure, you are required to submit a "referral" to the Historic Preservation Program at Department of Neighborhoods (DON). DON staff will review the eligibility of the structure as a landmark. This determination must be made before you can schedule an intake appointment for your project.

Please see Client Assistance Memo 3000 titled "DPD and DON Referral Process for Determining Landmark Eligibility" (pages 3-4). Your referral application should include a response to the "Appendix A of the Interdepartmental Agreement" on page 6 of the CAM. The referral information should be sent to "Karen Gordon, City Historic Preservation Officer, Department of Neighborhoods, PO Box 94649, Seattle, WA 98124".

Once the DON staff review the information contained in your referral, one of the following three determinations will be made:

- 1) The building appears to be ineligible as a landmark and no further Department of Neighborhoods review is required. You may schedule your intake appointment.
- 2) The subject building appears to be eligible and a Landmark Nomination application must be submitted to the DON Historic Preservation Program. This application and determination must occur before DPD permit intake since the outcome of this landmark nomination decision may affect the design or feasibility of your project.
- 3) The subject building/site is determined to be a designated City Landmark. A Certificate of Approval from the Landmarks Preservation Board is required for changes proposed to the designated features of the Landmark. You will need provide a copy of your application for a Landmark Certificate of Approval prior to permit intake. No DPD permit will not be issued until the Certificate of Approval has been issued.

Pre-Application Site Visit (PASV) Requirements

PASV report requirements may be subject to additions, changes, or modifications by the department. The purpose of the report is to alert the applicant that there may be unusual or complex site conditions that trigger requirements from the department regarding this project. **The applicant is responsible for providing all required documents at the intake appointment.** If you have questions about this report or the PASV process, please contact the SDCI Site Development Team at (206) 684-8860.

Note: Any project application associated with the development site can utilize the results from this PASV if the application is accepted by SDCI within 24 months of the above inspection date. After 24 months, the applicant must apply for another PASV. No extensions will be granted.

ECA Mapping Unit and Type

Non-ECA

Earth Disturbance

If excavation has the potential to encroach on adjacent property in order to facilitate construction activity, please provide documentation of consent from the adjacent property owner. Show area of proposed encroachment on the submitted drawings and detailed cross-sections.

If temporary cuts greater than 1h:1v will be required in order to facilitate construction activity, please provide a geotechnical engineer's verification that soil conditions allow cuts to stand unsupported. Include detailed cross sections.

Please show all existing and proposed retaining walls/rockeries and the exposed height.

If shoring will be required, please provide submittals by geotechnical and structural engineers and show the proposed system on the submitted drawings. Include detailed cross sections.

Existing ROW Conditions

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Street conditions:

Asphalt paving

Curb conditions:

Curb adjacent to site

Concrete

Approximate curb height: 2-4 inches

A storm inlet is located <350 ft from the site and prior to crossing a public right of way.

It appears that drainage from that discharge point will remain in the gutter line all the way to the nearest inlet structure, but this assessment is preliminary and it is the responsibility of the applicant to meet all relevant SW code requirements.

Potential Impacts to Seattle Parks Property

No parks property in vicinity

Tree Protection

Trees greater than 6 inches in diameter as measured 4.5 ft above ground are present on the site but not shown on the site plan. Show the dripline of

1) **all** trees on the site,

2) adjacent trees that encroach on the site that are greater than 6 inches in diameter as measured 4.5 ft above ground, and

3) **all** trees located in the adjacent ROW.

Include common and scientific names for all trees shown. For more information, see [Director's Rule 16-2008](#) and [Tip 242](#).

Per [SMC 25.11](#) and [DR 16-2008](#), exceptional trees may be located on the site. Clearly label all exceptional trees.

Construction Stormwater Control

All projects with earth disturbance, regardless of size, require temporary and permanent stormwater control in accordance with the Construction Stormwater Control (CSC) Technical Requirements Manual ([DR 21-2015, Volume 2](#)).

Show the following on the [Construction Stormwater Control and Soil Amendment Standard Plan](#):

Place compost socks, compost berms, filter fabric fencing, straw bales, straw wattles, or other approved perimeter control BMPs to eliminate construction stormwater runoff.

Show the location of a stabilized construction access to the site; show methods to eliminate uncontrolled conveyance of mud and dirt into the right of way (ROW).

Place silt-trapping inserts in receiving catch basins located within 10 feet of construction entrance.

Cover bare soil with compost blankets, straw, mulch, matting, or other approved equal to control construction stormwater runoff.

Cover stockpiles and bare slopes with compost blankets, tarps, matting or other approved equal to control construction stormwater runoff.

A First Ground Disturbance inspection is required before any ground disturbance related to this permit, including demolition, tree cutting, clearing, grubbing, and grading. After your permit is issued, schedule an inspection by calling (206) 684-8900 or [online](#) at <http://web1.seattle.gov/DPD/InspectionRequest/default.aspx>.

Inspectors Notes

The preliminary site plan shows that the development will include multiple parcels. The site generally slopes down into the center. Specify locations and depths of proposed grading activities.

Seattle City Light Requirements

Street/Alley Requirements

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Clearance from Structures: Fourteen (14) feet radial clearance is required between power lines and any part of the permanent structure per Seattle City Light Construction Standard D2-3 (<http://www.seattle.gov/light/engstd/docs2/d2-3.pdf>). Transmission lines require greater clearance. Changes to SCL's system to meet clearances are done at the project's expense. There are overhead high voltage lines along Rainer Ave S.

Working Clearance: State law requires construction workers, their tools, machinery, equipment, and materials to maintain a 10-foot clearance from power lines. Review WAC 296-24-960 and OSHA 1910.333(c)(3)(i). Transmission lines require greater clearance. To work near power lines, notify SCL well in advance to de-energize and ground the lines, or relocate the lines temporarily. This City Light work is done at the project's expense. City Light may not be able to grant customer requests to temporarily relocate or de-energize the distribution system. There are overhead high voltage lines along Rainer Ave S.

An SCL engineer will require scaled building elevation drawings to determine clearances. Please submit an extra set of plans at DPD intake.

Based on our assessment of the size of your project, you may need transformers on your private property for power service to your building. This can be done with vaults inside the building, below-grade vaults, or above-grade pads exterior to the building. Include these facilities for your project power needs in your building plans. SCL has access, clearance, size and location requirements for vaults. Some transformers require long lead times to obtain. Contact SCL well in advance to provide electrical service size and voltage details.

Other requirements: Clearance required between poles and driveways is 7.5 feet. See SDOT CAM 2204. Ensure that the proposed new driveway location does not conflict with the existing pole. Pole relocations are at the project's expense. Contact your Electrical Service Representative for further discussion.

Notes to Applicant

For new service, please contact the Electrical Service Representative for your area several months before new service is required to determine your electric service design, service location and what kind of service is available at the building site. An Application for Electrical Service must be submitted to Seattle City Light. The Electrical Service Representative should also be contacted to coordinate electrical disconnections prior to demolition and temporary power for construction. Your Electrical Service Representative is: Roy Carbonell, 206-386-1692, roy.carbonell@seattle.gov. Be advised that it is the applicant's responsibility to seek guidance from City Light. Failure to contact City Light early in the permit process could severely impact your project's scope, schedule and budget. This responsibility rests solely with the applicant.

SDOT Requirements

The City of Seattle's Right-of-Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) and SDOT's Street & Sidewalk Pavement Opening and Restoration (PORR) Director's Rule 2004-02 may be accessed from SDOT's Street Use website at: http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_docs.htm. Whenever possible, specific reference notation for these two design documents is noted next to the design characteristics below. Be advised that these specific section and chapter references are provided as preliminary guidance only and are not comprehensive in scope.

SDOT Permitting Information

Initial Review Deposit: To be determined

SDOT Plan Requirements: Plan

SDOT Permit Requirements: Group 1:Over-the-Counter. Obtain from SDOT anytime prior to construction in the right of way.

Based on the scope of your project and the proximity to the lot line a SIP may be triggered by the extent of construction impacts to existing street, sidewalk or alley improvements. If more than 2,000 sf of impervious surface in the right of way will be replaced a SIP will be required.

Street Improvement Requirements RAINIER AVE S

SDOT Urban Forestry requires protection and retention of existing trees in the right-of-way unless specifically exempted. Refer to the Right-of-Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) 4.14.

Street trees are required. SDOT Urban Forestry recommends providing street trees in a 5'-wide (minimum) planting strip, located between the sidewalk and the curb. If existing conditions preclude the preferred location, street trees can be accommodated adjacent to the right-of-way on private property. Per SMC 15.43.040, private property owners are responsible for the planting and maintenance of street trees in accordance with Standard Plan 100 and SDOT's Street Tree Manual. Refer to the Right-of-Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) 4.14 for design criteria.

New/Replacement Curb: See Seattle Right of Way Improvements Manual (ROWIM) and the City of Seattle Standard Plan 410. Reinstall curb at unused curbcuts.

New/replacement driveway: If there is a concrete curb in front of the project, the Street Use curb cut permit is issued by DPD. If there is not a concrete curb in front of the project, a Group 2 Street Use permit must be issued by Street Use. Refer to Standard Plan 430 for driveway curb cut standards.

Discretionary ROW Improvements

Street Lighting, Pedestrian Lighting, and Traffic Signal revisions: See ROWIM Chapter 4.

Other recommendations: Site located along a designated safe walking route to neighborhood schools.
Coordinate with SDOT and King County Metro regarding RapidRide improvements along Rainier Ave S.
Coordinate with SDOT regarding Vision Zero plans for Rainier Ave S.

SPU Requirements

Flow Control Compliance

Soil Amendment. Retain and protect undisturbed soil in areas not being developed, and prior to completion of the project, amend all new, replaced, and disturbed topsoil (including construction lay-down areas) with organic matter to the extent required by and in compliance with the rules promulgated by the Director.

On-site Stormwater Management. All trail and sidewalk projects with 2,000 square feet or more of new plus replaced hard surface or 7,000 square feet or more of land disturbing activity shall meet the Minimum Requirements for On-site Stormwater Management contained in Section 22.805.070, to the extent allowed by law.

Water Availability

Your water availability assessment has been approved.

Other Requirements

Owners of residential property occupied by a tenant who will be displaced by housing demolition, substantial rehabilitation, change of use, or removal of use restrictions may need to obtain a Tenant Relocation License. Refer to SDCI Tip 123, Seattle's Tenant Relocation Assistance Ordinance, for further information and instructions or call (206) 684-7979.

If your project involves additions or modification to or demolition of an existing building that contains four or more dwelling units or 4,000 square feet or more of non-residential area, and the building is a designated historic landmark or is 50 years old and meets the criteria set forth in SMC 25.12 for landmark designation, SEPA is required. Please contact the Department of Neighborhoods at (206) 684-0228 or www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/preservation to determine if your building is a designated landmark or if a referral is necessary to determine if the building meets the criteria in SMC 25.12. Refer to Tip 208 for information regarding the application requirements for a SEPA review and Tip 3000 for information regarding landmarks and historic preservation.

If the scope of your proposed project changes before your SDCI intake appointment or SDOT street improvement plan application, the requirements in this report may change. If there are municipal code and ordinance changes before our SDCI intake appointment, the project must meet the new code requirements. Additional street improvement requirements may be triggered if a permit application for a development project on adjacent property is also undergoing review.

Please be aware that all persons or companies working within the City limits, including all contractors, subcontractors, permit expeditors and other service providers are required to possess a valid City of Seattle business license. This license is required in addition to any other licenses required by the State of Washington, such as a contractors' license or state business license. For more information about City of Seattle business licenses, please contact inspector Michale Crooks at 206-684-8871, Michale.Crooks@seattle.gov, or visit the [Licensing and Tax Administration Division website](#).